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Secretary of Navy Declares the Remarks Made by the Admiral Criticizing Sinn Fein Sympathizers in America in His London Speech "Constitutes a Flagrant and Deliberate Disregard of Specific Instructions"—Similar Action Was Taken Against Sims in 1911—Admiral Sims, Referring to the Reprimand, Said: "I Got What I Deserved, the Same Old Thing"—Considers the Incident Closed.

Washington, June 24.—Secretary Denby today "publicly" reprimanded Rear Admiral William S. Sims as a result of the speech of the admiral made in London, June 7, in which he criticized Sinn Fein sympathizers in America. Denby pointed out that before the navy department had found it necessary to take similar action against an officer for an address delivered in London in 1911, and referring to the fact that the reprimand, added:

"Your remarks on the occasion now under discussion, therefore, constitute a flagrant and deliberate disregard of specific instructions."

While the naval secretary was making the public reprimand Admiral Sims was talking on "President Harding at the White House." It was explained that the admiral called to leave his card as in the custom when high naval officers return from a trip abroad, but that the president invited him to chat for a few minutes.

Upon leaving the White House Admiral Sims, referring to the reprimand, said: "I got what I deserved, the same old thing."

He added that he regretted having caused the admiral to be now considered the incident closed.

So far as could be learned the reprimand was not more than a routine matter. The admiral was not reprimanded for his conversation with the president. Upon leaving the White House the officer joked with newspaper correspondents. Asked if his conversation with the president was pleasant he replied sharply, but with a smile, "Of course it was."

Admiral Sims left tonight for Newport, R. I., where he will remain for several weeks as president of the Naval War College. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter.

These public statements, if correctly reported, dealt with matters which previously should have been handled privately and by no high governmental officer other than one to whom the care of our foreign policy is entrusted.

"Your letter of June 22, in which you speak of the reprimand with an abstract of the speech delivered by you on the occasion in question, confirms in essential points the statements alleged to be made by you on a public occasion in a foreign country, you gave utterance to the following statements:

"I do not want to touch on the Irish question, for I know nothing about it, and have not run across anybody in England who does. But there are some people in our country who, I think, are Americans, some of them naturalized and some native born, but some of them are not really Americans."

"I believe I shall live to see an inter-English-speaking policy, and when we have that we shall have all that is needful to secure peace and prosperity in the world."

"The department insists on maintaining both the president and the property which forbids a government servant of our position discussing such matters in a foreign country."

"That the propriety of such public utterances has once before been brought to your attention is shown by the fact that in 1911 for making the following statement in a public speech in London:

"If the time ever comes when the British empire is seriously menaced by an external enemy, it is my opinion that you may count upon every man, every dollar, every drop of blood of your kind, across the seas."

"In the reprimand above mentioned the duties and responsibilities of officers of the navy who speak in public were clearly and fully set forth. Your remarks on the occasion now under discussion, therefore, constitute a flagrant and deliberate disregard of specific instructions."

"The department is not unmindful of your record and achievements as an officer of the navy but the conspicuous position you now hold in public life is such that you have previously attended in a similar manner, merely serve to add to the gravity of the present offense."

"The department expresses the fact that it is necessary to rebuke a flag officer in public, but you have made such action unavoidable."

"The department expresses its strong and unqualified disapproval of your conduct in having again delivered a highly improper speech in a foreign country and you are hereby publicly reprimanded."

CABLED PARAGRAPHS

Control of F. I. A. T. Company.
Rome, June 24.—The Messagero states that the F. I. A. T. company has been almost entirely absorbed by the Siemens-Schuckert Electric Company, which is controlled by Hugo Stinnes. One hundred thousand shares are declared to have been purchased by the German company.

IMPORTANT MATTERS BEFORE THE A. F. OF L. CONVENTION

Denver, Colo., June 24.—The convention of the American Federation of Labor today voted down a constitutional amendment designed to give women "equal right and privileges of membership in the union of their trade or industry." All affiliated unions, however, were urged not to discriminate against the woman wage earner and admit her to membership.

Efforts to wipe out the "color line" in organized labor organizations also failed. The convention took the stand that national and international unions could not be compelled to recognize negro workers, and that this matter be referred to conferences with the negro laborers and the various organizations.

Both questions were the subjects of long and stormy debates. The committee's report selecting the constitutional amendment to give women "equal right and privileges of membership in the union of their trade or industry" was defeated by a vote of 1,000 to 800.

It was declared that only a few unions were discriminating against women and for that reason disapproved of the amendment. It was also declared that the national and international unions could not be compelled to recognize negro workers, and that this matter be referred to conferences with the negro laborers and the various organizations.

"This copy of the speech will show in no respect that I was in any way in America," says the admiral's reply. "The essential correctness of the reports that were made on this side, is contained in the following paragraph:

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Soviets Decline to Release Americans

Riga, June 22.—(By The A. P.)—The efforts of the American state department through the committee headed by Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, Norwegian explorer and diplomat, to obtain the release of the American prisoners in Soviet Russia have been unsuccessful, according to advices received here today.

Some Prisoners May Be Exchanged For Communist Prisoners in America.

The Soviets are understood here to be determined to improve negotiations through Mr. Nansen and it is said will consider only a direct official request from the United States. Some of the prisoners, the advices say, have been informed it is possible they will be exchanged for communist prisoners in America.

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George Livingston, chief of the bureau of markets, has proposed a reduction in the price of agricultural products, effective July 1, and will enter private business.

Spanish and Swedish governments have established a mutual agreement under which Sweden will enjoy the lowest scale of customs duties in exchange for grant to Spain most favored nation.

From African tribesman to bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in the career of Rev. Dr. Theophilus Morrell Gardner, who was consecrated suffragan bishop of Liberia.

The Rev. Robert E. Johnson of the Methodist Episcopal church, who as a federal prohibition agent in Pennsylvania became known as the "Rev. Prohibitionist," died at his home in Philadelphia.

A baby whale swam through the Narrows into New York harbor yesterday. While on duty, a fisherman reported to a watchman and a restaurant owner, carrying a shotgun and a carving knife, ended the young visitor's life.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS

Both houses of the U. S. parliament adjourned until September 20.

Claims against the shipping board total \$3,000 and amount to \$250,000,000.

The Willis-Campbell anti-beer bill with minor amendments, was reported to the House Judiciary committee.

Council of the league of nations was asked to mediate between Egypt and Great Britain.

Secretary Denby mildly rebuked senators for not seeing tests of aircraft efficiency in destruction of naval vessels.

Senate confirmed nomination of Edward M. Morgan as postmaster of New York city.

Laurie Marcel, widely known operatic soprano, wife of Felix Weingartner, the conductor, died in Vienna.

Three Poles were killed and 21 wounded during anti-German demonstrations at Bromberg, a town northeast of Posen.

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THE LAND ISLANDS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO FREED

By the Council of the League of Nations—Council Decided That the Islands Should Be Neutralized From a Military Standpoint—Sweden Protested Against the Decision, But Agreed to Recognize It.

GOVT TO DISPOSE OF ALL WOODEN SHIPS BY OCT. 1

New York, July 24.—Disposal of destruction of all wooden ships by October 1, and the sale to private owners of all other vessels, was reported by the secretary of the treasury today.

Mr. Lasker, meeting 14 leading New York shipmen today at a luncheon, pledged the board's cooperation with private operators everywhere in solving the problem now confronting the American merchant marine.

The meeting was executive, but after it had adjourned Mr. Lasker declared that the situation now confronting the board was the greatest commercial wreck in the history of mankind.

The board has been losing for several months, he added, approximately \$15,000,000 a month.

"The new board," he continued, "must have the cooperation of private shipping, and I am endeavoring to secure that cooperation. They understand, and I want the public to understand, an immediate improvement is not within range of possibility."

"The shipping board is to foster the development of all shipping—not government shipping alone—and there is to be no discrimination between public and private owners. I promise no small immediate relief or immeasurable work performance but I do pledge intense work on the part of the new board toward a solid foundation for permanent solution."

"I will not blink the public with patriotic razz, for the private owners will be the ones to suffer. I want the help of every man who is interested in seeing American flag ships carry our products."

CLAIMS \$27,910.10 FROM ESTATE OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT
Indianapolis, Ind., June 24.—Mrs. Emma H. Burdett, of Chicago, who says she has a claim for \$27,910.10 against the estate of Theodore Roosevelt, is in Indianapolis today to consult an attorney.

He declared the late president of the United States endorsed a note for \$25,000 and that the money was turned over to her by the late president's secretary, a republican national convention in Chicago in June, 1912. The money, it was said, was to be used for the purpose of giving the late president's family a home.

While Burdett is unable to explain his presence in the woods near the Bartlett house, she insists that she was there when she saw the body of the late president. Search of the Bartlett home by a relative today confirmed the disappearance of several pieces of jewelry, a gold watch and Mrs. Bartlett's wedding ring.

NOTE LOSSES BY THE CONSOLIDATED OIL CORP.
New York, June 24.—The Sinclair Consolidated Oil corporation today made known a second loss of notes worth \$149,000. This amount added to the \$250,000 loss reported last week, would bring the total to \$400,000.

The notes reported missing today were in denominations of \$1,000 each, bearing interest at 7 per cent. They were signed, though not authenticated, and are negotiable. In each instance the notes were taken from an office vault of the corporation by a person whose name was not known.

NEW HIGH RECORD BY WORLD'S RECORD COW
Brantford, Ont., June 24.—Bella Pontiac, the world's record cow, owned by T. A. Barron of Brantford, has set a new record. Figures made public by the Brantford Standard show that the cow today weighed 1,573.75 pounds.

A. F. OF L. PLEDGES SUPPORT TO PRINTING TRADES UNIONS
Denver, Colo., June 24.—Support was pledged today by the American Federation of Labor to the Printing Trades Union in their fight for the forty-four hour week and the policy of supporting any organization seeking the shorter work week.

TO AUCTION OFF LANDS ON OSAKE INDIAN RESERVATION
Washington, June 24.—Sale at auction of 20,000 acres of Osage Indian reservation land near Tulsa, Okla., for \$4,500,000 dollars plus bonus of one-sixth of the oil produced from the land was approved today by the interior department. The land went to oil operators and approximately two thousand members of the Osage tribe participated in the proceeds of the sale. It was estimated that each would receive an annual income of \$10,000 and the Osage Indians become the richest people in the world per capita.

EAMONN DE VALERA WAS TAKEN BY CROWN FORCES
Dublin, June 24.—(By The A. P.)—An official of the Dublin police stated this afternoon that during a raid Wednesday evening Eamonn De Valera was taken by British crown forces to the Portlaoine barracks, where he was held until 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. He was then released.

"The motive of the British authorities in ordering his release is not known," said the official, "but the situation remains unchanged."

ASSEMBLY PROHIBITS HOME BREWING IN WISCONSIN
Madison, Wis., June 24.—A drastic prohibition enforcement bill, introduced by Governor Blaine, and containing a provision agreed on by committees of both houses of the legislature prohibiting home brewing, was passed by the assembly today.

ANTI-BEER BILL TO COME BEFORE HOUSE MONDAY
Washington, June 24.—The Willis-Campbell anti-beer bill will be taken up in the house Monday under an agreement for a vote on its passage after four hours of debate. A request to this effect was made today by Representative Mondell, the republican leader and there was no objection.

General Guadalupe Sanchez, chief of military operations in the state of Vera Cruz, has left for Minatitlan, in the southern part of the state with 1500 soldiers to put down a revolt reported to have been started by General Castulo Perez and other followers of Felix Diaz.

Cleves, famous as a beer drinking cat, died of the effects of the once noted known to frequenters of the once noted saloon in the theatrical district of Minneapolis. He was found dead in an alley near a theatre where he met greyhounds complaining a part of the show. She fought them all but her proverbial nine lives were not sufficient to triumph.

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